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In The Claims:

1-9. (canceled)

10. (previously presented) A composite linkshaft bracket used to support a bearing supported linkshaft in a vehicle driveline comprising:

a composite upper portion having a plurality of mounting holes, a pair of mounted studs, and an upper semi-circular region, said composite upper portion is formed of a polymer material that has a heat distortion temperature of greater than 180 degrees Celsius; and

a lower portion coupled to said upper portion such that the composite linkshaft bracket produced by coupling said composite upper portion to said lower portion has a natural frequency of a minimum of about 1080 Hertz in the first mode, said lower portion having a lower semi-circular region and a pair of inlets, wherein each of said pair of inlets couples with a corresponding one of said pair of mounted studs to surround and support the bearing supported linkshaft.

11. (canceled)

12. (previously presented) The composite linkshaft bracket of claim 10, wherein said lower portion of said composite linkshaft bracket is formed from said polymer material.

13. (currently amended) The driveline composite linkshaft bracket of claim 12, wherein said polymer material comprises a fiber reinforced heat resistant aliphatic polyamide.

14. (currently amended) The driveline composite linkshaft bracket of claim 12, wherein said polymer material comprises Stanyl® aliphatic polyamide with 30% glass fiber reinforcement.

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15. (currently amended) The ~~driveline~~ composite linkshaft bracket of claim 10, said upper composite portion further comprising a plurality of raised ribbed regions used to increase the strength of the upper composite portion.

16-19. (canceled)

20. (currently amended) The ~~driveline~~ composite linkshaft bracket of claim 10, wherein said lower portion comprises a stamped metal lower portion.

21. (currently amended) The ~~driveline~~ composite linkshaft bracket of claim 20, wherein said polymer material comprises a fiber reinforced heat resistant aliphatic polyamide.

22. (currently amended) The ~~driveline~~ composite linkshaft bracket of claim 21, wherein said polymer material comprises Stanyl® aliphatic polyamide with 30% glass fiber reinforcement.